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PATENT APPLICATION

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Examiner: Lenard A. FOOTLAND

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For: HYBRID CONTACT ROLLER BEARINGS FOR VACUUM PUMP

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the election requirement stated in the Office Action mailed February 24, 2004, Applicant elects the species of Figs. 3 and 4, with traverse. The claims readable on the elected species are all of claims 9-13.

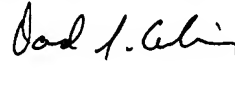
The grounds for the traversal are that all of Figs. 1-4 show different views of the bearing of the invention, and should be examined together. Figs. 1-2 show the pump in which it is used, Figs. 3 and 4 show the bearing only. But the bearing structure in each is the same. Accordingly, it is believed that examination of all claims at this time is appropriate.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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